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AN ACCOUNT OF THE TRYALS OF SEVERAL Notorious MALEFACTORS

For *Murders*, *Felonies*, and *Burglaries*.

Holden at the Seſſions-Houſe in the *Old-Baily*, for the City of *London* and County of *Middleſex*.

AND

GOAL-DELIVERY OF NEWGATE.

Which began on *Friday* the 24. of this Inſtant *February*, and concluded on *Saturday* the 25.

With the other moſt Remarkable *Proceedings*.

Where were many Notable Proceedings, as the Tryal of George Pye, *the Bailiff, who killed the Butcher, and* Alexander Younger, *who ſwore Treaſon againſt* Mr. Harvy, *with ſeveral others.*

February the 24th. This day the Seſſions began at the Seſſions-Houſe in the *Old-Baily*, where the moſt Remarkable Tryals, and other Proceedings were thus:

John Clark took his Tryal for robbing *Margaret Wing*'s Houſe, in the Pariſh of St. *Mary Matt-peller*, otherwiſe, *White Chappel*, of two Silver Tankards, on the 9th. of *January*. The Commitment of the Robbery being thus; He and two more of his Fellow-Thieves, coming, in, and calling for a Room, were ſhewed up Stairs, into a Chamber, where a Cup-board ſtood, in which the Tankards were, which they perceiving, picked the Lock in the Servant's Abſence, and departed with their Prize, as appeared by the Oath of the Maid, who ſaid there was no other Perſons in the Room from the

the time the Tankards were there, till ſuch time as they were miſſing; but ſhe not being able to chare him poſitive, he was acquitted of that Felony.

A Second Indictment was preferred againſt him, for breaking open the Houſe of one Mrs. *Danfield*, and taking from her, in Rings, broad Pieces of Gold, and pieces of Plate a great value; which things, upon Search, being found in his Houſe, he fled, and could not be heard of, till about two Seſſions ſince. To this Indictment, he pleaded Not Guilty, and endeavored to lay the Crime upon a Kinſman of his, that was hanged ſome time ſince; but his Plea was in vain; for upon the whole matter, the Jury found him Guilty.

John Smith took his Tryal; for that he becoming a Servant to an Alehouſe-keeper, in St. *Bartholomews*, about the 12th. of *January*, 1682. robbed his ſaid Maſter of Thirty Pounds in Money, ſeveral Silver Seals, Rings, and other things, as appeared in his Indictment; ſome of which being taken upon him, the Jury thought fit to bring him in Guilty.

John Butter, a Baker in *Drury-Lane*, was brought into Court, and there put upon the Jury; which done, the Court proceeded to try him. His Indictment was for ſtealing Silver Spoons, one having been found, as the Witneſſes gave Evidence, where he had ſold it; but ſeveral people appearing to give Teſtimony of his Life and Converſation, he was acquitted.

George Pye, the perſon who killed the Butcher in *Hungerford* Market in the *Strand*, on the 11th. day of this Month, had a Bill of Indictment preferred againſt him, by the Widow of the Party killed, for the Death of her Huſband; whereupon ſeveral Witneſſes were called for the King, who gave Teſtimony, that the perſon now tried, being a Bayliff's Aſſiſtant, or Follower, came up to him, telling him he had a Writ againſt him, for three pounds, or ſuch a Sum, and bid him yield Obedience to the ſame; but he on the contrary, taking up his Carver, bid them ſtand off; where, upon ſome Offers to ſeize him, he cut at him, and taking the Baily (who was Father to the Priſoner) a Stroak over the Wriſt, whilſt he ſtrove to ſave himſelf, he cut the Bone ſhere in two, upon which he fell down; and the Butcher purſuing the Follower wounded him, who drawing his Sword, ran the Butcher into the Body, of which Wound he then and there inſtantly died; but the Court giving the Charge, the Jury brought it in *Se defendendo*.

John Belzer was put to his Tryal for ſtealing Bever Hats from a Haberdaſher in *Holborn*, on the 18*th.* of *January*, with which he was taken going out of the Shop; but the man that took him being a Quaker, and refuſing to ſwear, the Priſoner was acquitted; but the Quaker's Recognizances for proſecuting Eſtreated.

Thomas Stockdale was proſecuted for ſtealing a Box and twenty Shilings in it from *Mary Rhodes* in St. *Giles Cripplegate*, and upon proof of the Fact, convicted of five Felonies.

Jane Bunt, a famed Shoplift, was put to her Tryal, for taking Silk Ribbons and Stuffs out of a Shop in *Fleetſtreet*; and part of the things being taken upon her, ſhe was found Guilty.

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Thomas Mardelue, an Outlandiſh Man, who at firſt pretended to be ignorant of the *Engliſh* Tongue, was brought into Court, and there put to his Tryal, for ſtealing Plate to the value of four pounds, which being made plain by the Evidence, he was Convicted.

Edmund Markham was tried for a Felony and Burglary, committed in the Houſe of *John Midd*, and taking Goods to the Value of Five Pounds; the Houſe being left alone the Thieves cut a Ladder that lay in the Yard, and ſetting it up to the Window, entred the Houſe, and breaking open a dozen Doors, took Table-Linnen, and Chairs, and Racks; whereupon ſuſpecting the Priſoner, who was a Tenant to the perſon robbed, who ſearched his Houſe, and ſome Goods found, which were pretended was loſt; but the Priſoner proving he lawfully bought them, the Jury found him Not Guilty.

James Clarke was tried for ſtealing a Silver Tankard out of a Victualling Houſe in St. *Martins* in the Fields, which he afterwards ſold to an Uſurer in *Cloth Fair*, the Tankard upon Tryal was found to be ſtolen, and eſpecially upon his own Confeſſion, ſo that he was found Guilty.

Alexander Younger, the perſon who ſwore Treaſon againſt Mr. *Harvey*, and was the laſt Seſſions fin'd for his unwarrantable taking away Goods, under pretence of their being Uncuſtomed, or Prohibited, was this Seſſions Indicted for a Treſpaſs, for taking away Stone Buttons, Diamonds, and Shoe-Buckles, from a *French* Merchant, and was found Guilty of the ſame.

John Williamſon took his Tryal, for that he on the 18th. of *January* laſt, going into a Victualling Houſe in *Weſtminſter*, ſtole thence a Silver Tankard, prized at 3 Pounds, whereupon he was purſued, but for that time made his Eſcape; he not long after was taken by the Watch, and carried to the Round-Houſe, where the party found him that was robbed: Upon the Examination, he denied that he knew any thing of the matter, and ſaid much in his own Juſtification; inſomuch that no poſitive Proof appearing, to charge him home with the manter, he was acquitted.

This Seſſions Mr. *St. Johns* pleaded His Majeſty's Moſt Gracious Pardon, for killing Eſq; *Stiles* in *Chancery-Lane*.

Jane Robinſon was tried for having two Husbands, but only one Marriage, which was the former, being able to be proved, ſhe was acquitted.

John Plat, being indicted for a Robbery committed in *White Chappel*, pleaded Guilty to that, and all others under the Benefit of Clergy, it being an Ancient Plea, uſual to ſuch as are Proficients in *Newgate*.

Richard Treebarfoot was tried for ſtealing a Silver Tankard in *Cornhil*, under pretence of Drinking, and making Love to the Maid of the Houſe, who had formerly been his Acquaintance, by reaſon of going to School with him; but the Tankard being afterwards found where he had diſpoſed of it, he was found Guilty.

Two perſons were likewiſe tried for robbing a Houſe in *Holborn*, but no exact Proof being made againſt them, they were acquitted.

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An Indictment was brought against *Nath. Thompson*, in relation to his publishing a scandalous Report about the Murder of *Thomas Thin* Esq; which, together with the Pamphlet, being presented to the Grand-Jury, they brought it in *Billa Vera*.

The *French* Doctor that was tried the last Sessions for poysoning one *Morgan*, a Life-Guard-man, appearing upon his Recognizance, was, by reason of his threatning such as appeared against him, caused to find good Sureties.

William James, *Thomas Andrew*, and *Bryan White*, were tryed for robbing one *James Watkins* on the 6. of *August* last, upon the King's High-way; which upon Evidence, proved to be thus:

The Persons indicted having a Writ, with which they had taken him into Custody, and somewhat roughly used him, swore Felony against them: but the Evidence being but weak, and thought to be done out of Malice, the Jury acquitted them.

William Sh[illegible] was indicted for stealing a Silver Salt, to the Value of seven Shillings; which being proved to be in his Custody, was found guilty.

James Turner was Tryed for robbing Sir *Jonathan Raymond*, on the 2. of *February*; and taking thence five Pieces of Gold, and forty Shillings in Silver, his Indictment was for Felony and Burglary; the latter not appearing, he confessed the former.

John Price, the Person condemned to the Press the 24. of this Month, was this Morning brought again to the Court; and at his earnest Request, after some Denial, pleaded Not Guilty, to two Indictments; one for robbing of *James Bennet* of a Frying-pan, to the Worth of three Shillings, and another for stealing of a Copper, the which he sold for sixteen Shillings; both which Indictments being proved, he was found guilty.

At this Sessions, *John Maiden*, and *John Clark*, received Sentence of Death, nine persons were burnt in the Hand, one reprieved before Judgment, upon promise to make Discovery, two to be transported, four to be whipt.

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